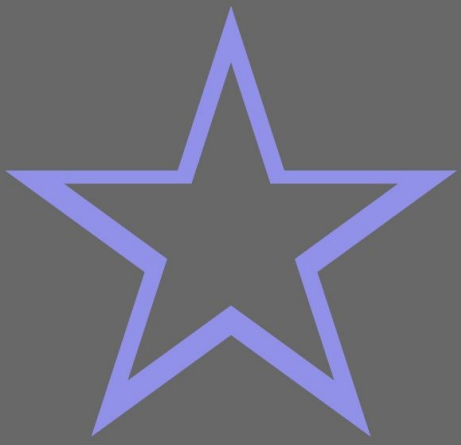
LIVING LESBIAN ARCHIVE



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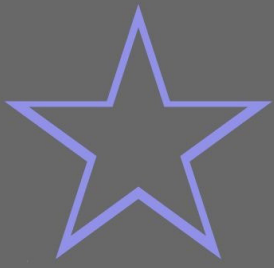


NEW BEGINNINGS

We *are* nature," Gore
said. "The air in our lungs, the water we
drink, the soil, the sunshine
ROAD
KILL
NEVER WITHHOLD LOVE

If things have always been the same, How do I BE DIFFERENT?

NEW BEGINNINGS ????

Who <u>was</u> KENNEDY? Who <u>IS</u> KEN?

Who will walk through this door, & who will come out the other side?

Love
IN!
B16 BOY JOB!
Boundaries
I ♥ NY
I will make her 2025
I will make her 2025
I will make her 2025
I will make her 2025

OUT

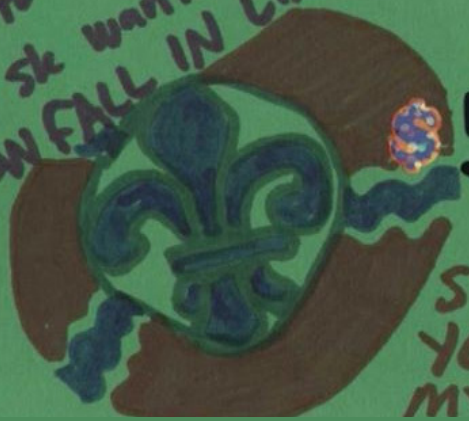
FEAK

H8!

WASHINGTON ... MORE LIKE EW!

THIS FUCK ASS BUM ASS SCHOOL

Letting my MOTHER talk to me any way she wants — SHE CAN FALL IN LINE!



530/2WKS

STL...
You did what you could for me.
My first home 4EVER ♥ (*still a bitch tho...)

The PY
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people. Maersk is
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LESBIANS
R
US!
TAKE ACTION
Since September
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carried on Maersk commercial ships to
the Israeli Ministry of Defense from the
port of New Jersey
year, Maersk ha
pounds (lbs)
from the
to Israel
owed that
everything
parts for
rt and artillery
ry military cargo to
in the U.S. The
structures of F-35
shipped on Maersk
picks up these parts of
el Aerospace Industries in
Palestine and Leonardos in
takes them to Lockheed

BRING YOUR VISION
No giving up without a fight!
When we fight, we fight to win!
Decolonizing movements
decimate the physical
and ideological barrier
standing in the way of th
new world the oppresse
know is on the horizo

SISTER, SISTER

In the stillness of my hea
I find traces of you.
a smile in the breeze,
a touch in the rain.
Reminders that love
transcends,
even the finality of loss

So I carry you with me,
in the quiet corners of m
soul
A testament to a bond
unbroken
a friendship that endure
Beyond the constraints of
time and space

-A.L.
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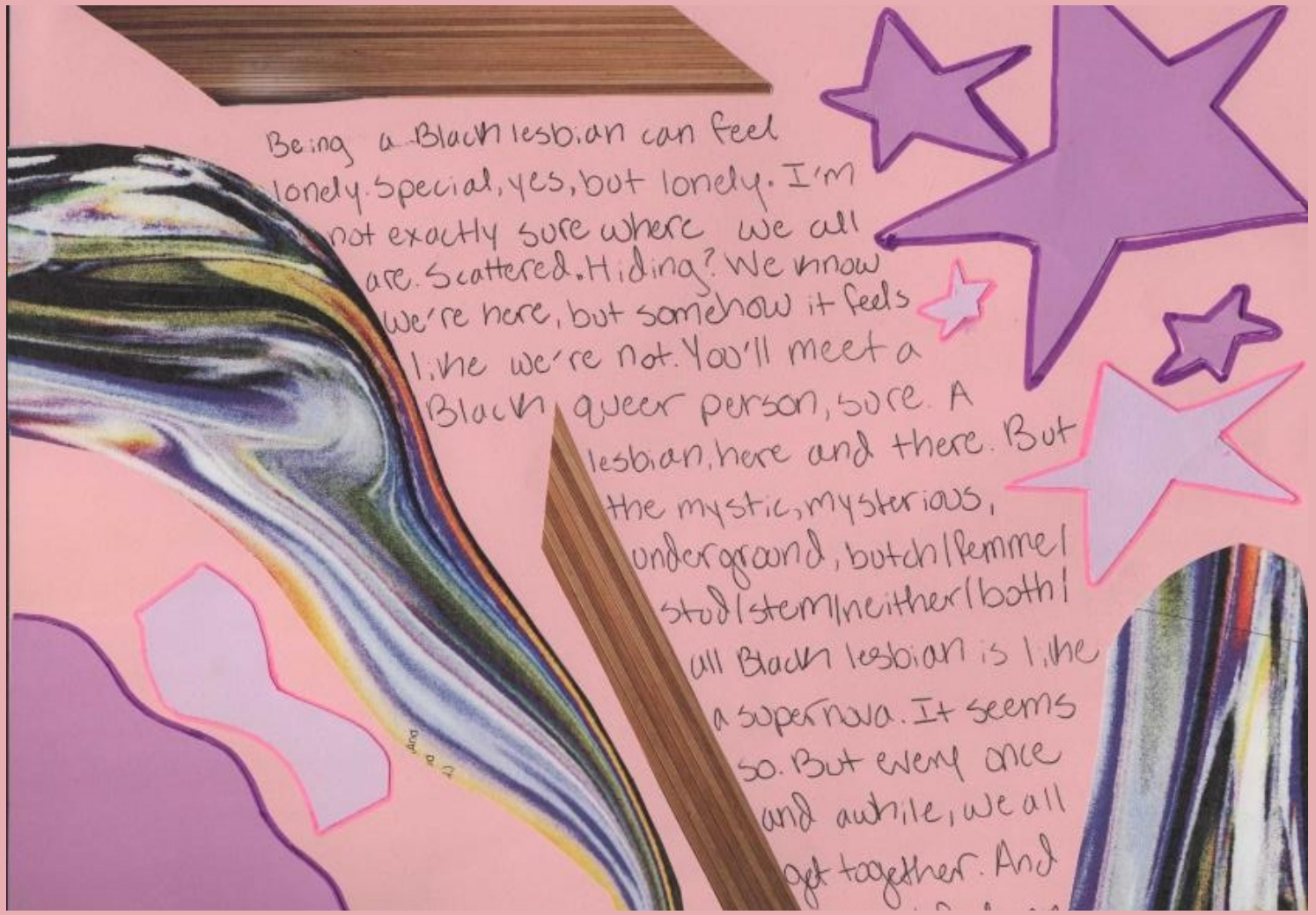
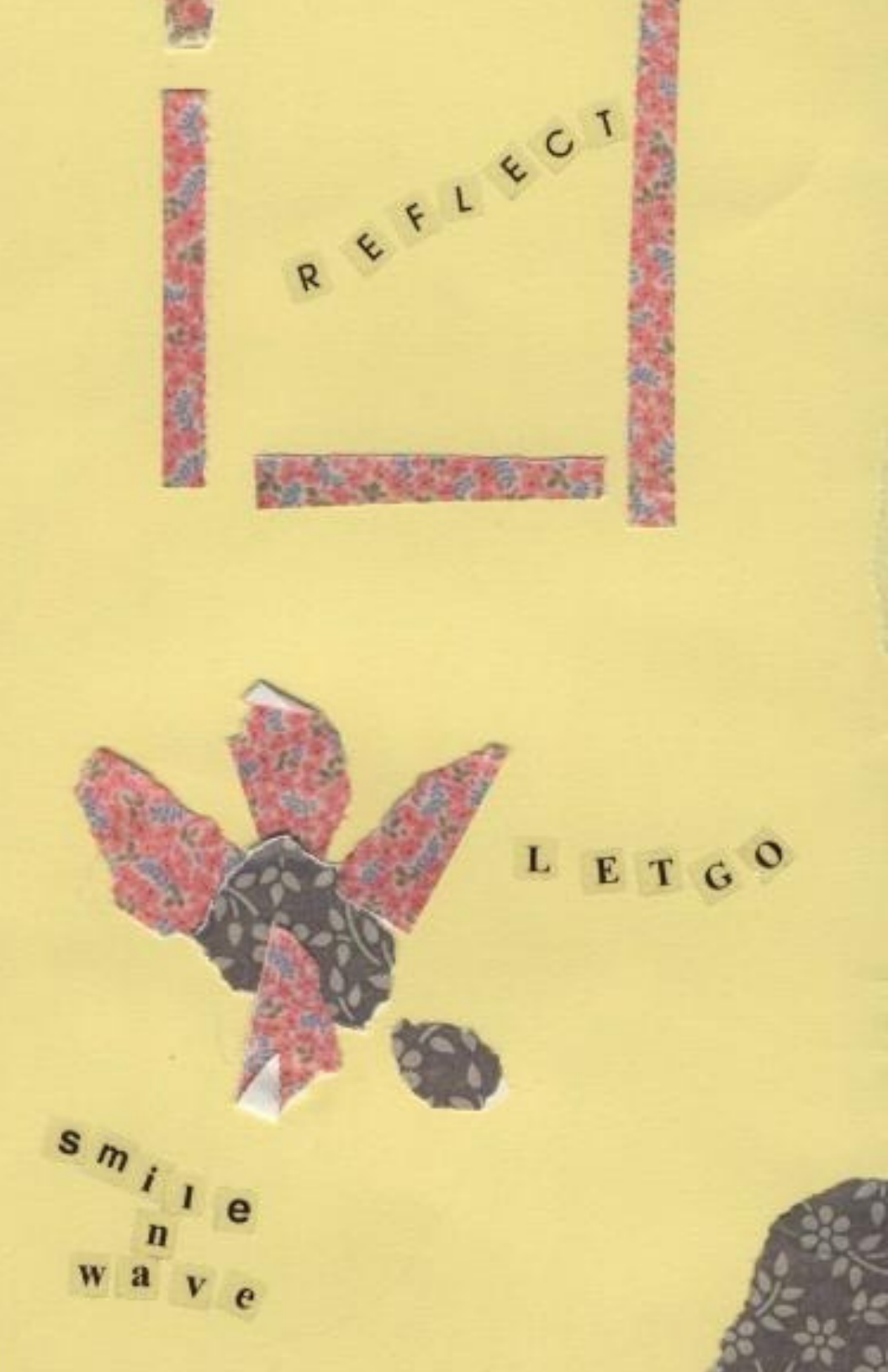

Being a Black lesbian can feel
lonely. Special, yes, but lonely. I'm
not exactly sure where we all
are. Scattered. Hiding? We know
we're here, but somehow it feels
like we're not. You'll meet a
Black queer person, sure. A
lesbian, here and there. But
the mystic, mysterious,
underground, butch/femme/
stud/stem/neither/both/
all Black lesbian is like
a supernova. It seems
so. But every once
and awhile, we all
get together. And

I'll miss you
forever, like the
stars miss the
sun in the
morning sky
12/31/2024


REFLECT
LETGO
smile
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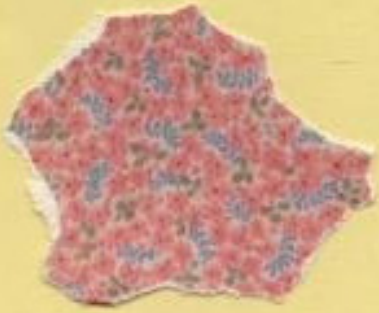


Does anyone know...

by Tajh M.

, life... does anyone know....
he really.

ow am I supposed to go on writing
w.

r best friend.

don't have a, style CIVR
tep by step tutorial on
ow to grieve.

y friend is gone.
ife really... really really
gone.
can still hear your
giggle & see your
smile.
does anyone
fucking know.

In my heart
forever....
Elysia Colon

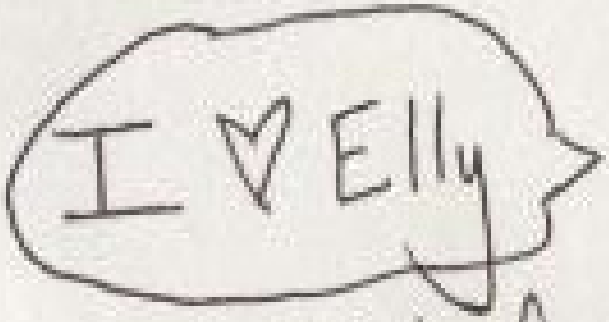
NEW BEGINNINGS

GAYER

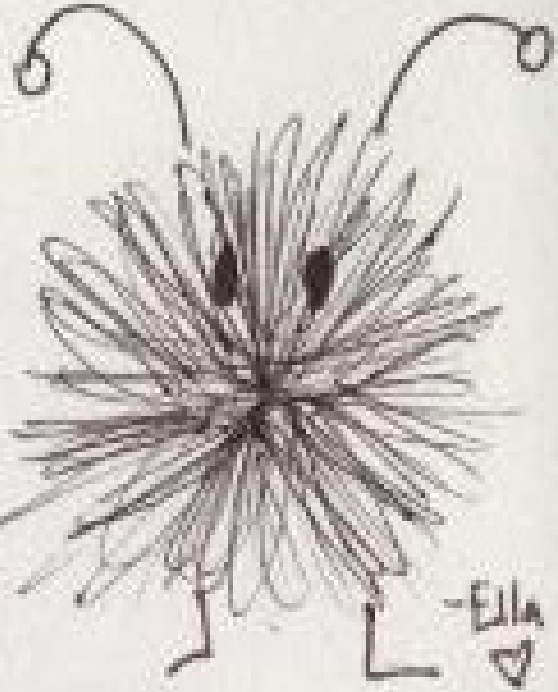
(W)

HOTTER

WEIRDER

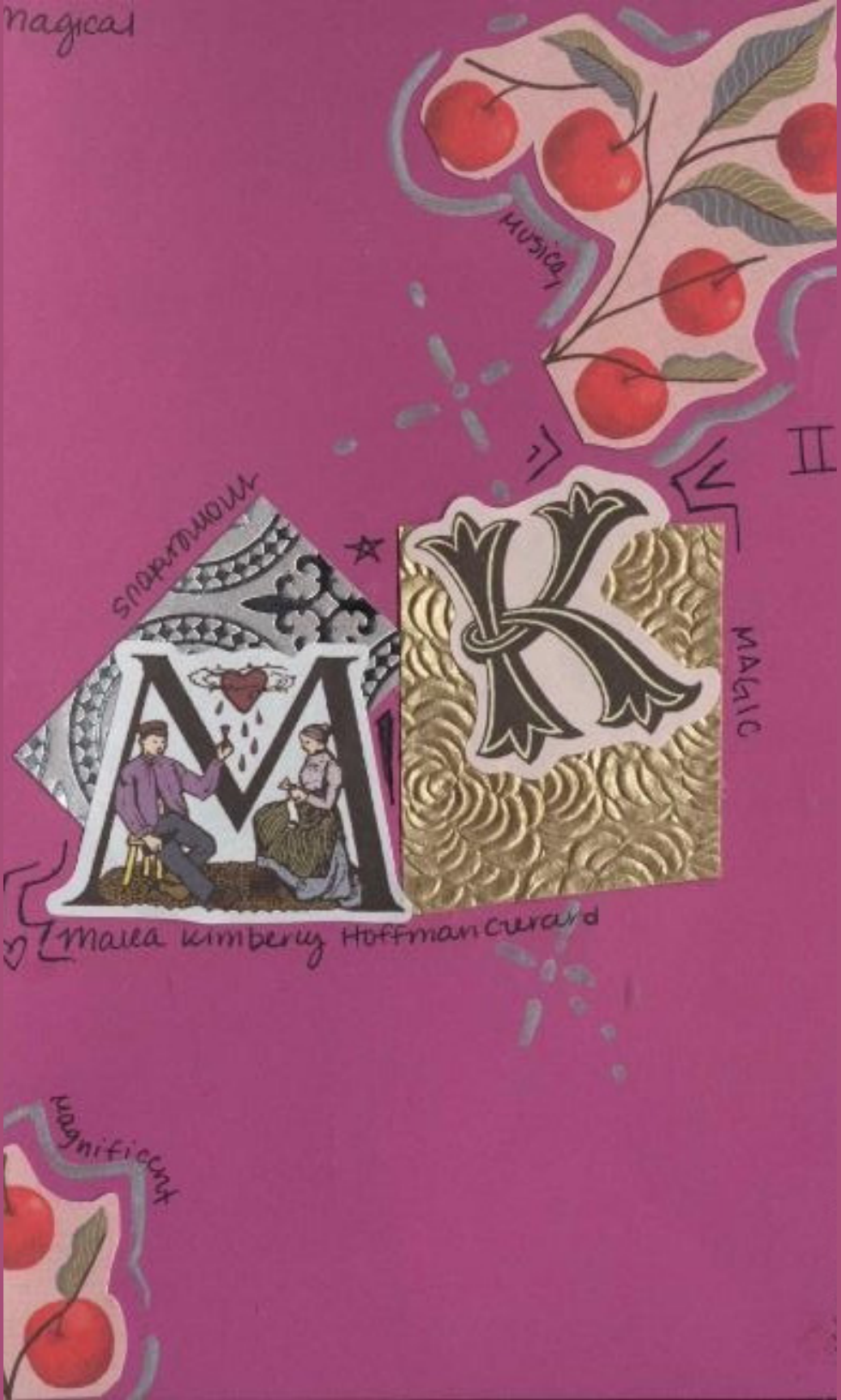


When I think of her, I think of celestial bodies. Moons, stars planets. She was gravity, she ...ith us forever.



-Ella ♥

'Reasons to Live Multiplied a Thousand Times Over


magical
musical
magic
magnificent
Maiea Kimberly Hoffman Curaird

taking up space in a crowded room with no seat for me. smiling while doing it.

ASK QUESTIONS! and SPEAK UP!

meeting my neighbors!

find your role in the revolution, now can you help?

VOLUNTEER

BUY BANNED BOOKS

read the forbidden texts

money is as valuable as time, spent reading and educating ★

The apple has fallen

we're far from the tree

help a stranger

SOLIDARITY

- Bit.ly/BPNYCPENPALGUIDE
  to find an incarcerated pen pal ♡
- www.ilrc.org
  to print or order cards with immigrant rights in spanish & english ♡
- Women, Race & Class
  Novel by Angela Davis
- All About Love
  Novel by Bell Hooks
- Your Silence Will Not Protect You
  By Audre Lorde

MEAD

BLACK WOMEN

ARLO PARKS

"There are ways to glow, ways to see what da
visible," proclaims the affirmations section o
based singer-songwriter seems to live by. Pa
was released last year to worldwide acclai
and Harry Styles, and was nominated for t
attended with her girlfriend, alt-pop singer A
French parents, Parks grew up writing shor
Joni Mitchell, and Sylvia Plath as artistic
demos to BBC Music Introducing, which
release of her debut EP, *Super Sad Generi*
was released in May—its latest single, "P
headlining world tour kicks off this fall. She pens poems
word and sings about mental health, body image, and queer desire, but her own bisexua
identity was never a source of personal angst. "I was lucky the people around me were
also figuring themselves out and living their realities and going into relationships with
whoever they pleased," Parks told *The Independent* in 2021. "I never felt uncomfortable.
I never felt like it was something I had to explain to them."—**LE**

JOY OLADOKUN

Joy Oladokun is cataloging her life through music. Her 2023 album, *Proof of Life*, is the most recent entry—and one that comes from a darkly reflective place. "I have this room in my studio full of action figures and knick-knacks," the singer-songwriter says. "One day I was sitting in it and morbidly thinking about what all this stuff would signify after my death. I wanted to write an album that someone could find 100 years from now and get a sense of who I am and how I dealt with life as it happened. Sort of a musical autobiography." *Proof of Life* is her fourth studio album and follows her 2021 major label debut, *In Defense of My Own Happiness*, which was named one of the best albums of the year by *Billboard* and *Rolling Stone* and for which Oladokun was nominated for a GLAAD media award for Outstanding Breakthrough Music Artist. For Oladokun, a first-generation Nigerian American and queer Black woman, music allows her to explore her own place in the world, to celebrate life and to deal with whatever setbacks come her way. "I find such inspiration and beauty in making playlists and listening to records," she says. "It's an emotional medium and something about it reminds me that I'm not alone in all of this." What does she hope for in the future? "I hope to stay healthy and inspired wherever life takes me."—**AB**

Vampire
GIRLS
Girls

Dear Elly,

I want you to know that we had so many memories together that I will cherish for the rest of my life. You understood me like no one else. I could make the most insane analogy about my feelings and you would understand it without a second thought. You helped me, through the worst moments through Mo through the scary feelings that we shared. I hope you can see all of us here celebrating you... we are all hugging and saying I Love You at every moment b/c you taught us how to love each other. Your absence is felt in every laugh, we wish it was your giggle. Everything we do is for you now...

I love you Forever, Niki

Femmes

... a place that brings joy"

STUDS

Pigment

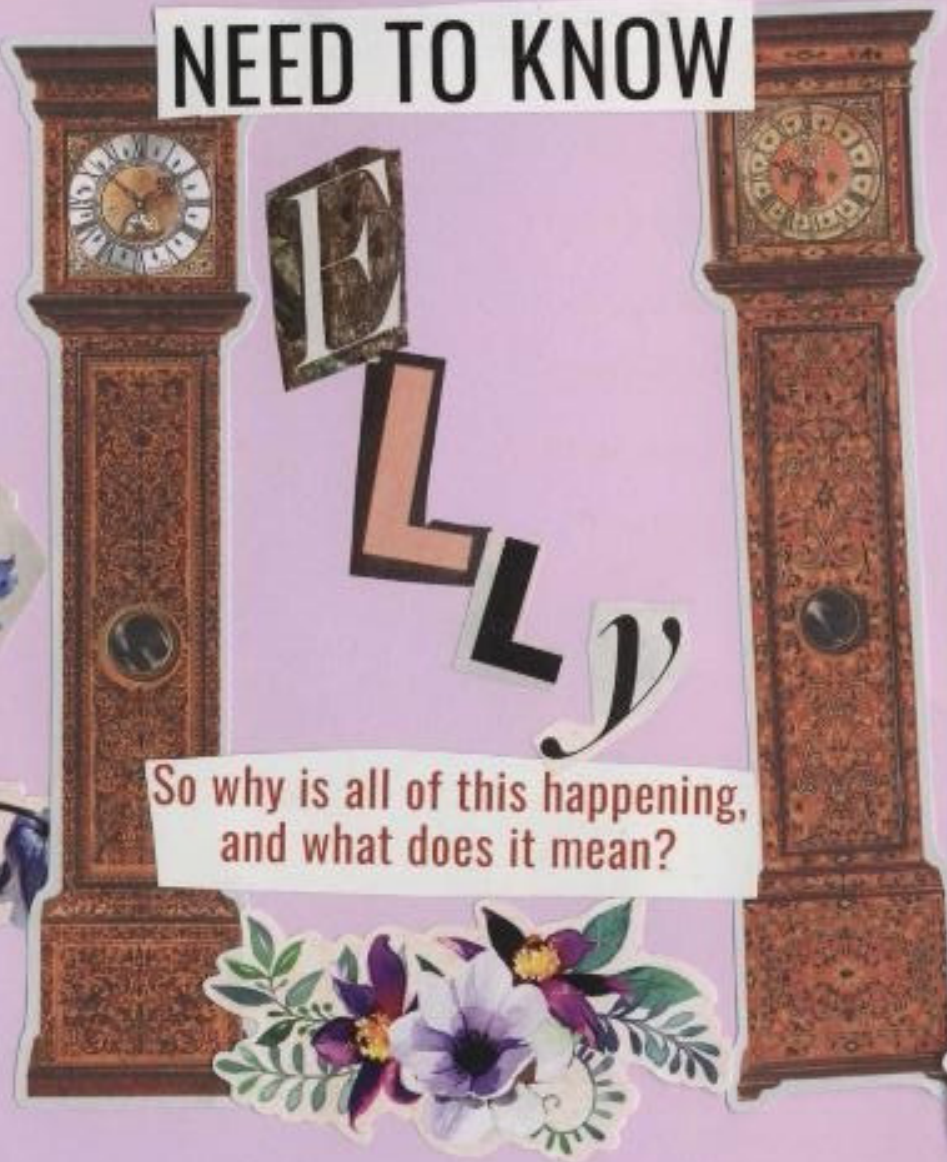
Black Fine Art

sensational.

Every Label, No Lab

They're All
Good Days
Now

HER NAME TELLS US EVERYTHING WE NEED TO KNOW



So why is all of this happening, and what does it mean?

"Smell the sea and feel the sky,
let your soul and spirit fly."
—Van Morrison, "Into the Mystic"

Wish you were here to share a cup of coffee.
Bainbridge Island, WA

YOU CAN START OVER
START NEW
WHENEVER YOU WANT.
Don't let fear stop
you from becoming!

Live. Love.

BUILD
A New
YOU

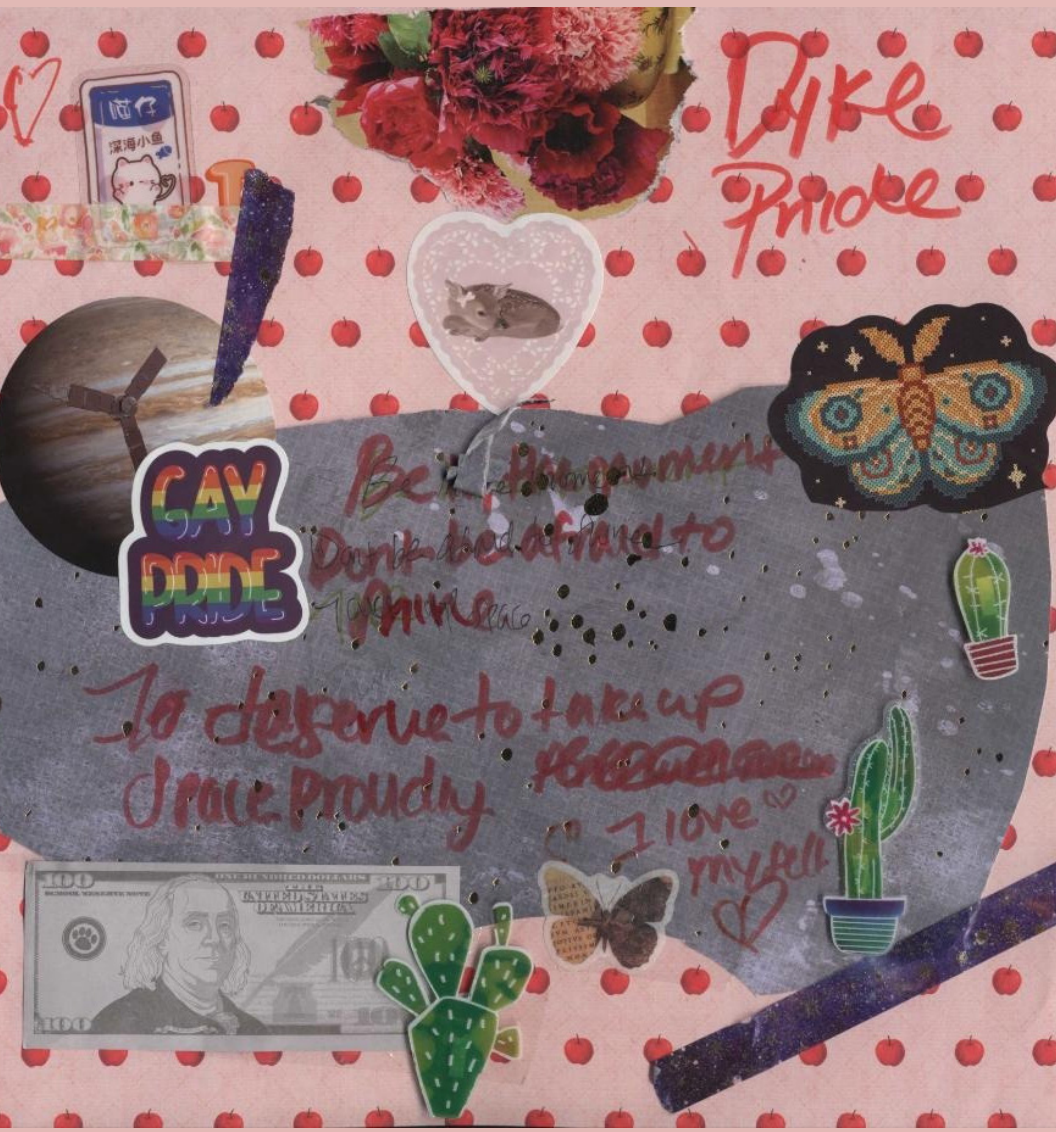
"Stay Alive. Keep making art."

'THIS MESSAGE MUST REACH THE WORLD'

WHO RUNS THE WORLD?

elly

mushroom
Arhopala
GALAXY GIRL
IT'S ABOUT
FREEDOM AND
Tafel XIX
MARIOKART
"The quest to understa
sleep — and to apply
that understanding to
our daily lives — has
me a global obsession," writes
rnalist Kenneth Miller '83JRN in


Dike
Pride
GAY
PRIDE
Don't be afraid to
shine
To deserve to take up
space Proudly
I love
myself

all are invited to participate in the loving of our

ELLY

the life of our community.

A POEM FOR ELLY

he came down from heaven:

The angels sang through all the night

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,

Every continent, every country, every city, county, parish, town, and rural burg celebrates

the connective tissue of our culture.

There's more.

Things are changing rapidly

LIVE HOWELLY LIVED

Talk to and meet a new stranger every day.

Liberatory values

Get outside

Practice all-encompassing care.

Above all, be rooted in love.

The *heart of everything*

LEARN MORE AND TAKE ACTION

QUEER

Community

MY sweet, loving, activist friend ELLY,

I miss you deeply and love you endlessly. I am so grateful for the time I got to call you a friend. You showed me repeatedly how to move through this world with a never ending flow of love. I hope that you can feel in every part of your essence all of our love for you

-Destiny

BAR
MOCKTAILS

Living Lesbian Archvive was founded by Elysia Colon (23) and Tajh Martin (21) in November 2024, with the first meeting taking place on November 23rd at Juke Bar in Bushwick. The meeting included people gathering to work on zine pages (folded construction paper) to be included in the monthly issue of LLA. The work mostly included collaging.

The founders were inspired to create this social club in response to desires for a stronger/larger Black lesbian community. Elysia and Tajh decided to incorporate their own love for arts and crafts with the creation of a space dedicated to Black lesbians outside of the club/party scene. Seeing how underrepresented Black lesbians are in society, it was further decided that this arts and crafts project should contribute to some form of documentation of Black lesbian lives and highlighting the beauty of said identity.

January 24th 2025 Elly passed away. This issue is dedicated to them.

I love you forever Elly you are my guardian angel.

love,
Tajh

LIVING
LESBIAN
archive